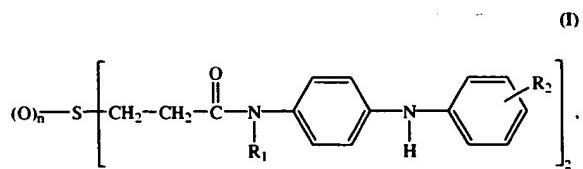


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What is claimed is:

1. A compound of formula I



wherein

 R_1 is C_3-C_8 alkyl, R_2 is hydrogen or C_1-C_4 alkyl, and n is the number 1 or 2.

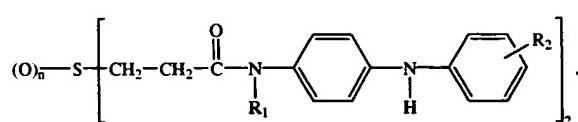
2. A compound according to claim 1, wherein

 R_1 is hydrogen or C_3-C_8 alkyl, R_2 is hydrogen, and n is the number 0 or 1.

3. A composition, which comprises

a) a carbon black-free elastomer subject to oxidative, thermal, light- or ozone-induced degradation, and

b) at least one compound of formula I



wherein

 R_1 is C_3-C_8 alkyl, R_2 is hydrogen or C_1-C_4 alkyl, and n is the number 1 or 2.

4. A composition according to claim 3, wherein component (b) is at least one compound of formula I, wherein

 R_1 is C_3-C_8 alkyl, R_2 is hydrogen or methyl, and n is the number 1.

5. A composition according to claim 3, wherein component (b) is at least one compound of formula I, wherein

 R_1 is C_3-C_8 alkyl, R_2 is hydrogen, and n is the number 1.

6. A composition according to claim 3, wherein component (a) is a nonblack polydiene vulcanisate or a nonblack halogen-containing polydiene vulcanisate.

7. A composition according to claim 3, wherein component (a) is a nonblack styrene/butadiene copolymer vulcanisate.

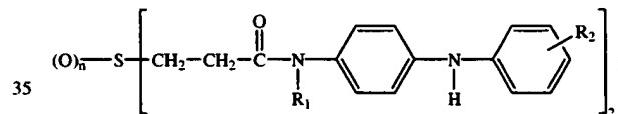
8. A composition according to claim 3, which comprises additional additives besides components (a) and (b).

9. A composition according to claim 8, wherein the additional additives are one or more than one component from the group consisting of pigments, colourants, fillers, flow control agents, dispersants, plasticisers, vulcanisation activators, vulcanisation accelerators, vulcanising agents, charge control agents, adhesion promoters, antioxidants and light stabilisers.

10. A composition according to claim 8, wherein the additional additives are phenolic antioxidants, organic phosphites or phosphonites; and/or thiosynergists.

11. A composition according to claim 3, wherein component (b) is present in an amount of 0.2 to 10%, based on the weight of component (a).

12. A process for stabilizing and reducing the discoloration of carbon black-free elastomers, which comprises incorporating in, or applying to, said elastomers at least one compound of formula I



wherein

 R_1 is C_3-C_8 alkyl, R_2 is hydrogen or C_1-C_4 alkyl, and n is the number 1 or 2.

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